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In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A header assembly for connecting an implantable medical device to a conductor terminating at a body organ intended to be assisted by the medical device, the medical device comprising a housing containing control circuitry, at least one electrical energy storage device, and at least one feedthrough wire extending from the control circuitry and through an opening in the housing, the feedthrough wire being electrically insulated from the housing wall by a seal, wherein the housing further comprises a lug extending from a housing wall, the lug having a lug opening sized to receive a fastener, the header assembly comprising:

- (a) ~~a housing for the medical device, the housing comprising control circuitry, at least one electrical energy storage device, and at least one feedthrough wire extending from the control circuitry and through a wall of the housing,~~
- ~~(b)~~ a terminal positioned outside the housing and ~~connected~~ connectable to a distal end of the feedthrough wire, ~~wherein the terminal is directly connectable to a lead for the conductor;~~
- ~~(c)~~ ~~a seal electrically insulating the feedthrough wire from the wall of the housing, and~~
- ~~(d)~~ (b) a body secured to the wall of the housing and supporting the terminal for connecting connectable to the a lead for the conductor, the body having at least one inlet provided therein with an intersecting through bore extending into the body, wherein the

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body inlet is matable with the lug extending from the housing wall and wherein the fastener is receivable in the through bore aligned with the lug opening to secure the body to the housing wall.

2. (Currently Amended) A header assembly for connecting an implantable medical device to a conductor terminating at a body organ intended to be assisted by the medical device, the medical device comprising a housing containing control circuitry, at least one electrical energy storage device, and at least a first and second feedthrough wires extending from the control circuitry and through at least one opening in the housing, the feedthrough wires being electrically insulated from the housing wall by at least one seal, wherein the housing further comprises a lug extending from a housing wall, the lug having a lug opening sized to receive a fastener, the header assembly comprising:

- (a) ~~a housing for the medical device, the housing comprising control circuitry, at least one electrical energy storage device and at least a first and a second feedthrough wires extending from the control circuitry and through a wall of the housing;~~
- ~~(b)~~ a first terminal positioned outside the housing and connected connectable to a first distal end of the first feedthrough wire, wherein the first terminal includes a first lead opening;
- ~~(c)~~ (b) a second terminal positioned outside the housing and connected connectable to a second distal end of the

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second feedthrough wire, wherein the second terminal includes a second lead opening, and wherein the first and second lead openings of the first and second terminals are aligned in a first co-axial relationship; and

- ~~(d) a seal electrically insulating the first and second feedthrough wires from the wall of the housing; and~~
- (e) (c) a body secured to the wall of the housing and supporting the first and second terminals with a first bore communicating from outside the body to the first and second co-axial lead openings in the first co-axial relationship connectable to a lead for the conductor, wherein the body inlet is matable with the lug extending from the housing wall and wherein the fastener is receivable in the through bore aligned with the lug opening to secure the body to the housing wall.

3. (Currently Amended) The header assembly of claim 2 wherein the housing has third and fourth feedthrough wires extending from the control circuitry and through the wall of the housing, wherein the third and fourth wires are connectable to respective third and fourth terminals supported by the body, the third and fourth terminals having third and fourth lead openings aligned in a second co-axial relationship along a second bore communicating from outside the body to the third and fourth terminals.

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4. (Original) The header assembly of claim 3 wherein the first co-axial relationship of the first and second lead openings along the first bore is offset with respect to the second co-axial relationship of the third and fourth lead openings aligned along the second bore.

5. (Original) The header assembly of claim 2 wherein the body is of a polymeric material.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) The header assembly of claim 2 wherein the wall of the housing is a lid.

8. (Currently Amended) The header assembly of claim 2 wherein the housing for the medical device comprises mating first and second clam shells closed by a lid serving as the housing wall.

9. (Currently Amended) The header assembly of claim 2 wherein at least one of the first and second terminals includes an aperture ~~include first and second apertures~~.

10. (Currently Amended) The header assembly of claim 9 wherein a threaded member is receivable in the aperture in the at least one of the first and second apertures of the ~~respective first and second terminals~~ to secure the lead received therein.

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11. (Currently Amended) The header assembly of claim 9 wherein the body includes at least one passageway ~~first and second passageways~~ in the at least one aperture in the at least one of the ~~communication with first and second apertures in the respective~~ first and second terminals.

12. (Currently Amended) The header assembly of claim 2 wherein the first bore is sized to receive ~~a lead of the~~ conductor lead in the first and second lead openings of the first and second terminals.

13. (Currently Amended) The header assembly of claim 2 wherein the first bore includes an annular channel supporting an O-ring for sealing about ~~a lead of the~~ conductor lead received in the first and second terminals.

14. (Original) The header assembly of claim 2 wherein the electrical energy storage device is selected from a battery and a capacitor.

15. (Original) The header assembly of claim 2 wherein the medical device is selected from the group consisting of a hearing assist device, neurostimulator, cardiac pacemaker, drug pump and cardiac defibrillator.

16. (Original) The header of claim 2 wherein the first and second terminals are selected from the group consisting of a terminal block, a sleeve, a ring-shaped member supporting a

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coil spring and a ring shaped member supporting at least one leaf spring.

17. to 29. (Canceled)

30. (New) A header assembly for connecting an implantable medical device to a conductor terminating at a body organ intended to be assisted by the medical device, the medical device comprising a housing containing control circuitry, at least one electrical energy storage device, and at least one feedthrough wire extending from the control circuitry and through an opening in the housing, the feedthrough wire being electrically insulated from the housing wall by a seal, wherein the housing further comprises at least one external anchor having a protruding portion, the header assembly comprising:

- a) a terminal positioned outside the housing and connected to a distal end of the feedthrough wire; and
- b) a body supporting the terminal connectable to a lead for the conductor, wherein the body encases the anchor comprising the protruding portion to thereby secure the body to the housing.